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Subject: Proposal To Breach The Dams On The Columbia and Snake Rivers

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing in opposition to any proposal to breach, modify or partially dismantle any of the federal dams on the Columbia and/or Snake Rivers in order to preserve salmon runs. Unfortunately, the National Marine Fisheries Service lost a window of opportunity to save the salmon runs. Now our farmers and other businesses that are dependent on the dams are being threatened with severe economic dislocation due to this lack of foresight on the part of governmental agencies that have responsibility to ensure adequate salmon runs. Two wrongs most certainly do not make a right in this situation. I can't for the life of me understand why the proposal to breach or partially dismantle the dams is being given serious consideration.

Breaching the dams will not ensure a solution to diminished salmon runs. Gilnetting and control of bird populations at the mouth of the Columbia are major reasons for the demise of healthy salmon runs in the Columbia and/or Snake River. Why do we insist on hurting the very industry which is critical to the economic vitality of the Inland Northwest Region...that being agriculture?

Please don't compromise the future of agriculture in this region by attempting to save salmon runs that are already in a terminal condition due to a classic case of bureaucratic bungling.

Sincerely,

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